

# NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Minutes

School Board Meeting  
January 10, 2011  
Northfield High School Media Center

- I. Call to Order.  
Board Chair Kari Nelson called the regular meeting of the Northfield Board of Education to order at 7:10 PM.
- II. Agenda Changes.  
The table file was added.
- III. Public Comment.  
There was none.
- IV. Approval of Minutes.  
On a motion by Iverson, seconded by Maple, the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on December 13, 2010, were unanimously approved.
- V. Announcements and Recognitions.
  - The following students were recognized as 2nd place winners in this year's state-wide Kids Voting Poster Contest: Grades 3-5 division, Katie Brust in Paula Baragary's 5th grade class at Sibley Elementary School; Grades 6-8 division, Noah Schomberg in Krista Betcher's 6th grade class at the Middle School. There were over 200 entries in the state-wide contest this year! The posters are currently displayed at the *Youth Honor a Veteran* website.
  - The following orchestra students performed the Advent Strings Concert on December 19th at the Main Street Moravian Church: Emily Bristol, Eve Grabau, Cameron Gray, Cameron Judge-Becker, Alicia Lundell, Martha Meyer, Alex Webb, and Chen Ye. The individual musicians and groups provided a wonderful evening of music in such a professional manner. They were amazing!
- VI. Items for Discussion and / or Reports
  1. PRIMEtime Statistics.  
Marnie Thompson introduced the PRIMEtime statistics Elem PLUS, the Middle School Youth Center, The Key and the TORCH program. Presenter: Roger Jenni. The work and support of Zach Pruitt, HCI Coordinator, was recognized. Tom DeBrow, 11<sup>th</sup> grader at NHS and Vice Chair of The Key Youth Board, reported on The Key. Evelyn Burciaga and Yessenia Celis, 7<sup>th</sup> graders at NMS, reported on the Middle School Youth Center.
  2. Overview of the Flexible Learning Year (FLY) Calendar Option.  
Superintendent Richardson presented information about the Flexible Learning Year Proposal by the Southeast MN Learning Achievement Collaborative. See item number one under the Superintendent's Report, Items for Individual Action for the Board action concerning the Flexible Learning Year Calendar Option.
  3. 2011-2012 Legislative and Budget Overview.  
Superintendent Richardson presented the 2011-2012 Legislative and Budget Overview.
  4. Preview of New District Web Site.  
IT Director Matt Hillmann and District Web Master Heather Kuchinka presented a demonstration of the District's new website.
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Items for Individual Action
    1. Flexible Learning Year Calendar Option.  
Quinnell moved and Stratmoen seconded to pursue further consideration and to hold public hearings to gather input regarding the Flexible Learning Year Calendar Option for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion was defeated. Voting 'yes' was Fossum and Quinnell; voting 'no' was Maple, Iverson, Pritchard, Stratmoen and Nelson.

B. Items for Consent Grouping

On a motion by Pritchard, seconded by Maple, the Board unanimously approved the following items listed under the Consent Grouping.

1. Grant Applications to the MN State High School League Foundation.

- The Northfield Public Schools is a member of the Missota Conference. The Missota Conference is requesting a \$3,272 funding grant from the MN State High School League Foundation to support the MSHSL student leadership initiative, a one-day conference focusing on team building, goal setting, diversity awareness, motivation, confidence building, decision-making, communication and leadership. The Board approved this grant application.
- Northfield High School is requesting a \$5,000 grant from the MSHSL Foundation to be used as core funding for the RALIE program. The Board approved this grant application.

2. Personnel Items.

a. Appointments\*

1. Valori Mertesdorf, Accounting Supervisor, beginning 1/10/11, \$61,417 + \$550 CPA stipend (to be prorated for 2010-11).
2. Lianne Deanovic, Special Ed Educational Assistant at the High School, 6.5 hrs./day beginning 1/3/11, Class III, step 1, \$13.16/hour.
3. Kamille Kirchberg, PLUS Site Assistant at Greenvale Park, 8 hrs./week, beginning 1/4/11 through 4/28/11, Step 1, \$11.03/hour.
4. Angela Timperley, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA, 2 hrs./day, beginning 1/10/11, Class III, step 1, \$13.26/hr.
5. Elisabeth Granquist, Assistant Speech Coach at the High School, \$12.00/hour.
6. Laura Kauffman, Assistant Speech Coach at the High School, \$12.00/hour.
7. Ellen Mucha and Emileana Graupmann, Junior Class Co-Advisors, Level J (*position split 3-ways with Jill Heasley*).
8. Co-Curricular Assignments for January.

b. Increase/Decrease/Change in Assignment

1. Lindsay Wright, 6.75 hrs./day Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Middle School, increase .25 hrs./day Supervisory Educational Assistant at Middle School, beginning 11/9/10 through 6/10/11, Class I, step 1, \$12.59/hour.
2. Peggy Sheehy, 10.5 hrs./week Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at Longfellow, increase to 28 hrs./week Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA, beginning 1/3/11 through 6/10/11.
3. Susan Wunderlich, 6.75 hrs./day Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA at the High School, increase .25 hrs./day, beginning 1/3/11.
4. Anne Balluff, .5 FTE Special Education Teacher at the High School, increase .5 hr./day beginning 1/31/11 through 6/13/11.
5. Kasha Kluczny, .5 FTE Special Education Teacher at Sibley/.5 FTE Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater, transfer to 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater beginning 1/3/11.
6. Diane Wiese, 6 hrs./day Long-Term Substitute Special Education at Longfellow, increase to 6.5 hrs./day beginning 1/3/11 through 2/11/11.
7. Anne Balluff, 4.5 hrs./day Special Education Teacher at the High School, increase 3.5 hrs./day Special Education at Sibley beginning 1/6/11 through 1/28/11.
8. Deb Seitz, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Middle School, transfer to .5 FTE Special Education Teacher at Bridgewater/.5 FTE Special Education Teacher at Sibley, beginning 1/31/11 through 6/13/11.

c. Leave of Absence

1. Christie Clark, granted an unpaid leave of absence for the first semester of the 2011-12 school year.
2. Lindsay Wright, granted a childcare leave of absence from on or about 5/6/11 through 6/10/11.
3. Heather Carlin, granted an unpaid leave of absence from 1/31/11 through 3/11/11.

4. Jennifer Streefland, extending FMLA childcare leave of absence through 5/6/11.
5. Dan Burns, FMLA leave of absence from 12/16/10 through approximately 1/17/11.
6. Kathy Kopseng, FMLA leave of absence from 1/3/11 through approximately 1/12/11.
7. Tammy Schwagerl, leave of absence from 1/24/11 through 2/4/11.

d. Retirements/Resignations

1. Sharon Hup, Special Ed Educational Assistant, resignation effective 1/14/11.
2. Sherri Goehring, Special Ed Educational Assistant PCA, resignation effective 1/14/11.

\*Conditional offers of employment are subject to successful completion of a criminal background check.

3. Amended Contract with Minnesota State Academies.

On August 23, 2010, the Board approved a contract in the amount of \$2367 plus mileage with the Minnesota State Academies in Faribault for 36 hours of Vision Services. The Board approved amending the contract to include 8 hours of Orientation and Mobility (O & M) services at a cost of \$526 plus mileage. Because of the limited need for these services, contracting with the State Academy continues to be the most cost effective option available.

VIII. Items for Information

1. Enrollment Report – January 2011.

IX. Future Meetings

Monday, January 24, 2011, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board meeting, Northfield High School Media Center  
Monday, February 14, 2011, 7:00 PM, Regular School Board meeting, Northfield High School Media Center

- X. On a motion by Quinnell, seconded by Stratmoen the Board adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Noel Stratmoen, School Board Clerk